

2015-R-01

Affirmation of Support for Interim Study Bill

Sponsors: Kirstie McPherson

Yes 15 No 0 Abs

Date: February 10, 2014

Vote Necessary: Majority

Intent: To express the support of the Associated Students of Montana Tech for the creation and passage of an Interim Study Bill during the 2015 Montana Legislative Session. Regarding how institutions in the state of Montana including but not limited to the Montana University System responding to Sexual Assault.

Whereas, according to the 2014 Annual Security and Fire Safety Report, Montana Tech reported 0 accounts of Forcible Sex Offences as well as 0 accounts of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking; and,

Whereas, The Butte Silver Bow County Attorney's Office prosecuted a total of 0 Sexual Assault cases in 2014, 0 of which resulted in conviction; and,

Whereas, Montana Tech Universities Title IX Office investigated 0 Sexual Assault Complaints in 2014, 0 of which results in sanctions.

Whereas, there is a need to reevaluate how institutions within the state of Montana respond to sexual assault. These measures include but are not limited to implementing degrees of sex crimes, redefining consent, resolving jurisdictional issues between law enforcement and universities, and encouraging prevention as a primary strategy for changing rape culture.

Therefore, let it be resolved that: the Associated Students of Montana Tech expresses their support for the creation and passage of an Interim Study Bill during the 2015 Montana Legislative Session regarding how institutions in the state of Montana including but not limited to Montana University System respond to Sexual Assault.

Let it be further resolved that: a copy of this resolution be sent to Don Blacketter, Montana Tech; Maggie Peterson, Title IX Coordinator; Paul Beatty, Dean of Students; Kirstie McPherson, ASMT President;